

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please enter the following amendments to the outstanding claims:

C/ 1. (Twice Amended) Aqueous disinfecting and cleaning composition in a concentrated form which exhibits reduced irritancy which comprises, a disinfecting effective amount of a quaternary ammonium compound having germicidal properties; a mitigating effective amount of at least one nonionic surfactant selected from alkylpolyglycoside compounds; 0.1 - 8%wt of at least one further nonionic surfactant; 0 - 3%wt. of a polymeric cationic surfactant based on a polyquaternary ammonium salt; 0 - 3%wt. of a builder; 0 - 5%wt. of one or more conventional additives selected from [particularly] coloring agents, fragrances and fragrance solubilizers, viscosity modifying agents such as thickeners, pH adjusting agents and pH buffers including organic and inorganic salts; and, water to form 100%wt. of the aqueous disinfecting and cleaning composition in concentrated form [concentrate form of the inventive compositions].

C 2 4. (Amended) An aqueous disinfecting and cleaning composition according to claim 1 [3] wherein the at least one further nonionic surfactant is an alkoxylated primary alcohol.

5. (Amended) An aqueous disinfecting and cleaning composition according to claim 1 [3] wherein the at least one further nonionic surfactant is a polymeric alkylene oxide block copolymer.

C 3 7. (Amended) Aqueous disinfecting and cleaning composition in a concentrated form which exhibits reduced irritancy according to claim 1 which comprises:

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a disinfecting effective amount of a quaternary ammonium compound having germicidal properties;  
a mitigating effective amount of a binary surfactant system which comprises both  
(a) at least one nonionic surfactant selected from alkylpolyglycoside compounds, with (b) at least one further nonionic surfactant compound which is based on a polymeric alkylene oxide block copolymer;  
0.1 - 10%wt. of at least one further nonionic surfactant;  
0 - 3%wt. of a polymeric cationic surfactant based on a polyquaternary ammonium salt;  
0 - 3%wt. of a builder;  
0 - 5%wt. of one or more conventional additives selected from [particularly] coloring agents, fragrances and fragrance solubilizers, viscosity modifying agents such as thickeners, pH adjusting agents and pH buffers including organic and inorganic salts; and,  
water to form 100%wt. [of the concentrate form of the inventive compositions].

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11.(Amended) An aqueous disinfecting and cleaning composition according to claim 7 [10] wherein the at least one further nonionic surfactant is an alkoxylated primary alcohol.

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~~13.(Amended) A process for cleaning and/or disinfecting of hard surfaces which comprises the step of:  
applying a cleaning and/or disinfecting [an] effective amount of a composition according to claim 1 to the surface.~~

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14.(Amended) A process for cleaning and/or disinfecting of hard surfaces which comprises the step of:  
applying a cleaning and/or disinfecting [an] effective amount of a composition according to claim 7 to the surface.

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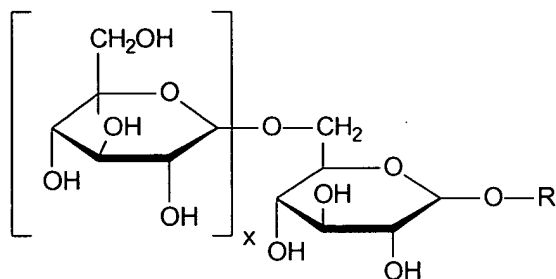
Please add the following new claim to the application:

15.(Amended) Aqueous disinfecting and cleaning composition in a concentrated form which exhibits reduced irritancy which comprises:

a disinfecting effective amount of a quaternary ammonium compound having germicidal properties;

a mitigating effective amount of a binary surfactant system which comprises both

(a) a first nonionic surfactant based on an alkylpolyglycoside compound according to the structure:



wherein R is an alkyl group, preferably a linear alkyl chain, which comprises C<sub>8</sub> to C<sub>16</sub> alkyl groups;

x is an integer value of from 0 – 3;

with (b) at least a second nonionic surfactant compound which is based on a polymeric alkylene oxide block copolymer;

0.1 - 10%wt. of at least one third nonionic surfactant;

0 - 3%wt. of a polymeric cationic surfactant based on a polyquaternary ammonium salt;

0 - 3%wt. of a builder;

0 - 5%wt. of one or more conventional additives selected from coloring agents, fragrances and fragrance solubilizers, viscosity modifying agents such as thickeners, pH adjusting agents and pH buffers including organic and inorganic salts; and,

the balance to 100% of water.